

Appl. No. : 10/644,591  
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**REMARKS**

A Notice of Non-compliant Amendment was mailed on October 12, 2004. The Notice indicated that the Preliminary Amendment filed by Applicant on April 12, 2004 was non-compliant because it neglected to include status identifiers for the claims. The present Replacement Preliminary Amendment is intended to replace the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 12, 2004. Accordingly, please do not enter the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 12, 2004, and instead please enter the above amendments.

Applicant respectfully contends that the above-captioned application currently is in condition for allowance, and request issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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